


Remarks

Claims 46-58 and 60-69 remain in the application. The Examiner has finally rejected all of the claims under 35 USC 102(b) in light of U.S. Patent 5,669,979 to Elliott et al (hereinafter the '979 patent). In addition, the Examiner has objected to claims 58, 62-63 and 66-68 as being of improper dependent form for failing to limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicants request that the objections be held in abeyance until final disposition of pending appeal and the indication of allowable subject matter.

By this response, it is respectfully requested that the term "treat" be replaced with "treats" in claim 46, and "chemcially" be replaced with "chemically" in claim 64, which are a grammatical and a typographical error, respectfully. No new matter has been entered.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response.

Respectfully submitted,
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